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Mr. Loy W. Henderson
Deputy Under Secretary
for Administration
Department of State
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

We are gratified to learn that the Department has made a decision to reinstitute the science attache program. We assume that a vigorous program oriented to include intelligence needs within its mission can contribute significantly to satisfying the intelligence agencies' needs in the scientific field. We shall be pleased to work with you and assist in establishment of procedures for handling the intelligence aspects of the program. To this end I am appointing Mr. Robert Amory, Jr., my Deputy Director for Intelligence, to meet with your designee, Mr. Carpenter.

The demise of the Science Attache Program last spring has left a serious gap in the intelligence community's collection activity. I am therefore pleased that your proposal looks forward to action and implementation in the immediate future.

Please be assured that the Agency will do all that it can to provide direct assistance to the Science Attache Program both in its inception phase and on a continuing basis thereafter. As you know, I have been personally concerned that this area, which has a significant intelligence potential, become and remain a productive one.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT : Department of State's Decision to Reconstitute the Science Attache Program

1. The decision by the Department does not guarantee a satisfactory solution to the Science Attache Program nor does it go as far as is desirable from the Agency's intelligence point of view. As proposed, the community can acquire an important segment of intelligence information but will not be in a directive position to determine the effort expended for intelligence. However, there does not appear to be any alternative to the Department's decision short of a major re-allocation of responsibility and intercession by the Security Council. Even the latter could not guarantee a successful intelligence collection program without Department agreement and support.

2. The degree of success which the proposed program can expect hinges most critically on two points:

a. The position within the Department and the authority of the individual selected to direct the program and;

b. The personnel selected for the overseas posts. These individuals in addition to having scientific competence must also be favorably oriented to the intelligence aspects of the program.

3. Given a satisfactory solution to the above points, it will then be incumbent upon the Agency (primarily O/SI) to provide on a continuing basis the substantive guidance required to develop the intelligence potential of the various posts.

4. Mr. Henderson's letter specifically mentions a need for a relationship [redacted] Therefore the Agency (b)(1) (b)(3)

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appointee to work with the Department in developing the program should represent the DD/P as well as the more predominant DD/I interests.

5. On the first page of Mr. Henderson's informal personal memorandum to you, four points are enumerated. In general, points 1, 3, and 4 are acceptable. However, in regard to the second point, strong representation should be made to the Department that the Agency cannot accept a prohibition against engaging in overt activities overseas and in fact is presently thus engaged with regard to various liaison posts and certain collection activities. Insofar as it may have been Mr. Henderson's intention to mean that the Agency should not be overtly stated to have responsibility for the Science Attache Program as recommended by the Hoover Commission, we, of course, concur.

CONCLUSIONS

6. The Agency should accept the Department's decision, and

7. Provide full and continuing intelligence support to the Science Attache Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. The attached memorandum to the Department be approved. (Note: The memorandum designates Mr. Robert Amory, Jr., as your representative to meet with the Department.)

9. Mr. Henderson be informally notified of your support to the program and that it is your hope that the program will receive authoritative support in the Department.

10. Your representative should clarify in his discussions with Mr. Carpenter that the Agency does not accept the statement that it is not appropriate for CIA personnel to engage in overt activities.

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HERBERT SCOVILLE, JR.
Assistant Director
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DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON

April 9, 1957

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Dear Allen:

You will find attached hereto a somewhat more formal letter on our much discussed subject of Science Attaches. I am sorry that there has been so much delay in this matter but you can understand that there are certain features connected with it which, unless treated with great circumspect, might have embarrassing repercussions. You will note in the attached letter the suggestion that we start out during the coming fiscal year with five science attaches to be placed in capitals to be agreed upon between CIA and the Department. These attaches would receive their special instructions through a small science attache unit in the Department of State. All of these positions would be budgeted for in 1958 by the Department. It might be possible to extend this service in our budget planning for 1959.

The problems we have to consider are the following:

1. We do not believe that it would be a good idea to have persons with the title of Science Attache engaging in covert activities.

2. We do not believe it would be appropriate for CIA personnel to engage in overt activities.

3. We do not believe that the National Science Foundation should attempt to finance these attaches.

4. In our opinion, CIA and the National Science Foundation, as well as the State Department, would have a legitimate interest in these attaches and arrangements should be made which would permit them to express this interest.

There

The Honorable
Allen Dulles,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency.

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There are a number of other factors to be considered and it seems to me that we should move rather rapidly in coming to a complete understanding with respect to the whole matter. If, therefore, you would be good enough to designate someone to represent you we could begin conversations in the Department almost immediately, as suggested in the attached letter.

I am sure that we will be able to work out rather quickly a system that will satisfy you and us. As soon as I receive a reply from you, we will also begin conversations with the National Science Foundation.

Sincerely,

Loy W. Henderson

Enclosure:

Letter to Mr. Dulles.

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WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

I refer to our recent discussion of the science attache program. After further careful study the Department has decided to proceed toward the early establishment of such a program.

In arriving at this decision, the Department considered the possibility of CIA financial participation in the program, [redacted] that it might provide. The public recommendations of the Hoover Commission, normal suspicions abroad, and the fiscal [redacted] limitations inherent in such a small, highly-technical type of program have led us to conclude that any such arrangements would be difficult to conceal and might jeopardize the overall program. We would propose, therefore, to fund the program through the Department's budget. Nonetheless, we believe that the program we envisage will, by close cooperation between the Department, the CIA, and the National Science Foundation, go far towards meeting the general purposes of the science attache program, including intelligence needs, both overt and covert. (b)(1) (b)(1) (b)(3) (b)(1) (b)(3)

Our budget plans will enable us to finance science attaches in five overseas posts in the immediate future, together with Departmental personnel in Washington for coordination purposes. These science attaches would provide normal reporting of scientific developments required by CIA and other agencies. [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3)

While our present plans permit the assignment of only one science attache in each of five major posts, we would contemplate the possibility of increases in connection with future budgets. As you may know, there have been no science attaches abroad for more than a year. Moreover, the coverage that we propose is, in fact, broader than that provided in the science attache program for the past several years. It is our view, therefore, and I would hope that you share it, that our plans provide a sufficient start for the year ahead.

In short,

The Honorable
Allen W. Dulles, Director,
Central Intelligence Agency.

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In short, we propose to establish science attache posts in, say, Paris, Bonn, Stockholm, Tokyo and New Delhi. Arrangements will be made to enable these attaches to cover other countries to the maximum extent feasible. To supplement their efforts, we would expect to explore further with CIA, the National Science Foundation and others to ascertain their scientific reporting requirements and the extent to which regular Foreign Service personnel at other posts can fulfill many of these requirements. (We think, for instance, that information such as expenditures of foreign governments for scientific research can normally be acquired by non-scientists.)

The Department will provide in Washington a senior officer and an assistant to guide the science program overseas and to consult and cooperate with other agencies. We would wish to seek the advice of CIA, the National Science Foundation and other interested parties in the selection of science attaches and in the management of the scientific reporting program. The National Science Foundation, in consultation with the Department, would be free to send scientists abroad to attend scientific conferences or to carry out other specific short term projects.

Finally, the Department would plan to consult with CIA and other interested agencies as to the need for additional scientific attaches in connection with our preparation of future budgets.

I would very much appreciate it if you would designate someone to explore on your behalf the feasibility of the above proposals in relation to CIA's needs, both overt and clandestine. Assistant Secretary I. W. Carpenter, Jr., has been designated by me to follow through on the general development and implementation of the science attache program. Mr. Park Armstrong will be in touch with your designee to arrange further discussions with the Department.

We plan, of course, to discuss with the National Science Foundation the specifics of the program proposed above, but before so doing would like to reach agreement with CIA.

Sincerely yours,

Loy W. Henderson

Loy W. Henderson
Deputy Under Secretary
for Administration.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DULLES

Copies of the attached two letters from Loy Henderson have been sent to DD/I for preparation of reply for your signature.

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